

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

RE: ORDER PROHIBITING COMMENCEMENT OF
JURY TRIALS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES IN THE
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT November 9-27,
2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2020-18

WHEREAS on July 24, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Order entitled "In Re: Jury Trials," the provisions of which govern the conduct of jury trials in Idaho ("Jury Trial Order"); and,

WHEREAS on September 10, 2020 the Idaho Supreme Court issued a further Order regarding Jury Trials entitled "Re: Commencement of Jury Trials" ("Jury Trial Commencement Order") that requires the Administrative District Judge to review the Cases by County page of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-19 Data Dashboard (Dashboard) each week to determine if criminal jury trials may proceed for a particular county for a given week; and

WHEREAS the Administrative District Judge has determined upon review of the DPH Idaho COVID-19 Dashboard numbers as of 11/06/2020; and

WHEREAS Governor Little has issued a Statewide Public Health Order (10/26/2020) moving Idaho back to Stage 3; and

WHEREAS local hospitals are not accepting new patients due to capacity issues and shortage of healthcare workers; and


WHEREAS there has been an inability to secure sufficient numbers of potential jurors for trials; and

WHEREAS cancelling trials on Friday for the following Monday and preparing for vacated trials has caused undue stress and expense for clerks, judges lawyers, witnesses and Jury Commissioners;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Section 4 of the Jury Trial Commencement Order the following Counties of the Second Judicial District SHALL NOT conduct jury trials for the weeks of November 9-13, November 16-20 and November 23-27, 2020 and any jury trial set to proceed during that time frame in those counties shall be vacated and reset:

**Clearwater County, Idaho
Idaho County, Idaho
Latah County, Idaho
Lewis County, Idaho
Nez Perce County, Idaho**

Dated Nov 6, 2020.



JAY P. GASKILL
Administrative District Judge

Second Judicial District

cc: Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of the Courts All Second
Judicial District Judges, Magistrate, and Senior Judges
Trial Court Administrator, Second Judicial District All Second
District County Clerks and Lead Supervisors
All Second District Jury Commissioners
Second District Prosecutor's offices
Second District Public Defenders
County Commissioner Chairman affected by this order